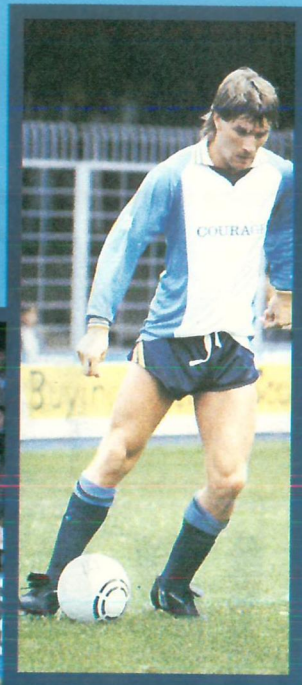


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Tan's Insight



OUR previous home games this season have seen us win, but not in our style. On Wednesday, however, we put together what we knew we had and produced a scintillating performance. It was much more characteristic of our swashbuckling style with plenty of chances created, crosses and corners galore, and four goals to put the icing on the cake.

I am sure that the performance was greatly assisted by the atmosphere in the ground, and we have you the supporters to thank for that. Any performer will tell you that he needs an audience and it is exactly the same for the players. The larger and more vociferous the crowd, the better the players will respond and perform.

It was noticeable that Trevor Senior was influenced in his decision to stay at the club by the tremendous support we received at Brentford. It was also noticeable how the same Trevor Senior responded on Wednesday to the atmosphere inside Elm Park.

I would hope that the commitment by Trevor to Reading F.C. is indicative of the fact that we are ambitious and striving hard for Division 2 football. Everyone at the club was highly delighted when Trevor decided to stay and help us to achieve our objectives. I am also sure that he will be the first to admit that we are a team, and that the team has greatly assisted in his goalscoring feats. No individual succeeds at a football club. The team succeeds and by the "team" I mean everyone at the club — not just the players out on the pitch. We feel now that we have a team and a club, and we want you the supporters to join our club and be part of us. We are issuing membership cards, **not** identity cards. 'Big Brother' won't be manning the turnstiles. As the biscuit advert says: 'Join our club!'

Welcome today to Charlie Wright and his Bolton team. I am sure they will know we are trying to equal a record and I am equally sure they will be striving to prevent us. As you did on Wednesday, help us along the way, create an atmosphere and make some noise!

STATISTICS 85-86 STATISTICS 85-86

Date	Opponents	Res.	Att.	Lge Pos.				
Aug. 17	Blackpool	1-0	3,190	8	Westwood	Bailie	Richardson	Beavon
Aug. 21	AFC Bournemouth (MC1.1)	1-3	2,614	-	Westwood	Bailie	Richardson	Beavon
Aug. 24	Plymouth Argyle	1-0	4,261	5	Westwood	Bailie	Richardson	Beavon
Aug. 26	Bristol Rovers	3-2*	3,529	1	Westwood	Bailie	Richardson	Beavon
Aug. 31	Cardiff City	3-1	3,539	1	Westwood	Bailie	Richardson	Beavon
Sept. 3	AFC Bournemouth (MC1.2)	0-2	2,590	-	Westwood	Bailie	Richardson	Beavon
Sept. 7	Walsall	2-1*	3,573	1	Westwood	Bailie	Richardson	Beavon
Sept. 14	Rotherham United	2-1	3,476	1	Westwood	Bailie	Richardson	Beavon
Sept. 17	Brentford	2-1	6,351	1	Westwood	Bailie	Richardson	Beavon
Sept. 21	Swansea City	2-0	5,126	1	Westwood	Peters	Richardson	Beavon
Sept. 28	Doncaster Rovers	1-0	4,012	1	Westwood	Peters	Richardson	Beavon
Oct. 2	Chesterfield	4-2	5,946	1	Westwood	Peters	Richardson	Beavon
Oct. 5	Bolton Wanderers							
Oct. 12	Newport County							
Oct. 19	Lincoln City							
Oct. 23	Wolverhampton							
Oct. 26	Bury							
Oct. 30	Milk Cup 3							
Nov. 2	Wigan Athletic							
Nov. 6	Notts County							
Nov. 9	York City							
Nov. 16	F.A. Cup 1							
Nov. 20	Milk Cup 4							
Nov. 23	Darlington							
Nov. 30	Derby County							
Dec. 7	F.A. Cup 2							
Dec. 14	Bristol City							
Dec. 21	Plymouth Argyle							
Dec. 26	AFC Bournemouth							
Dec. 28	Bristol Rovers							
Jan. 1	Gillingham							
Jan. 4	Wigan (FA Cup 3)							
Jan. 11	Cardiff City							
Jan. 15	Milk Cup 5							
Jan. 18	Blackpool							
Jan. 25	Rotherham (FA Cup 4)							
Feb. 1	Walsall							
Feb. 4	Wolverhampton							
Feb. 5	Milk Cup Semi-Final (1)							
Feb. 8	Lincoln City							
Feb. 12	Milk Cup Semi-Final (2)							
Feb. 15	Brentford (FA Cup 5)							
Feb. 22	Swansea City							
Mar. 1	Doncaster Rovers							
Mar. 4	Chesterfield							
Mar. 8	Bolton Wanderers (FA Cup 6)							
Mar. 15	Newport County							
Mar. 22	Bury							
Mar. 23	Milk Cup Final							
Mar. 29	Gillingham							
Mar. 31	AFC Bournemouth							
Apr. 5	Notts County (FA Cup Semi)							
Apr. 12	York City							
Apr. 19	Darlington							
Apr. 26	Derby County							
May 3	Bristol City							
May 10	F.A. Cup Final							

ROYALS HIT LIST

	L	MC	Tot
Senior	10	0	10
Horrix	2	0	2
Rogers	1	1	2
White	2	0	2
J Williams	2	0	2
Hicks	1	0	1
Peters	1	0	1
Own goals	2	0	2
Total	21	1	22

Small figures denote goals scored.

* Reading score includes own goal

STATISTICS 85-86 STATISTICS 85-86



Hicks	Wood	J Williams ¹	White	Senior	Bremner	Rogers	Horrix(10)
Hicks	Wood	J Williams	White	Senior	Horrix	Rogers ¹	Burvill(8)
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Hicks	Wood	Peters	White	Senior ¹	Horrix	Rogers	Gilkes
Hicks	Wood	Peters	White ¹	Senior	Horrix	Rogers ¹	J Williams(7)
Hicks	Wood	Peters ¹	White	Senior ¹	Horrix	Rogers	J Williams(10)
Hicks	Wood	J Williams	White	Senior ¹	Horrix ¹	Rogers	Bremner(6)
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Hicks	Wood	J Williams ¹	White	Senior ³	Horrix	Rogers	Bremner(10)

CANON LEAGUE – DIVISION THREE
TABLE

	Home					Away					Pts.
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READING	10	5	0	0	12	5	5	0	0	9	3 30
Walsall	10	5	0	0	13	2	2	0	3	7	9 21
Wigan	10	5	0	0	16	2	1	1	3	3	8 19
York	10	3	2	0	12	4	2	0	3	9	11 17
Notts County	10	1	3	1	8	9	3	2	0	8	4 17
Derby County	10	3	1	1	13	5	1	3	1	5	4 16
Lincoln	10	4	1	0	13	7	0	3	2	2	7 16
Bury	9	3	1	1	13	6	1	2	1	9	7 15
Blackpool	10	3	0	2	10	5	2	0	3	8	7 15
Chesterfield	10	3	1	1	8	5	1	2	2	5	8 15
Gillingham	10	2	2	1	7	5	2	1	2	5	7 15
Rotherham	10	4	0	1	9	3	0	2	3	3	8 14
Brentford	10	2	2	1	6	5	2	0	3	6	11 14
Plymouth	10	3	0	2	8	3	1	1	3	5	8 13
Doncaster	10	3	1	1	5	2	0	3	1	7	12 13
Newport	10	1	2	2	7	6	2	1	2	4	6 12
Bolton	10	2	2	1	10	8	1	1	3	3	8 12
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Cardiff	10	0	1	4	2	10	2	1	2	7	9 8
Swansea	10	1	1	3	2	5	1	0	4	7	13 7
Darlington	9	1	1	2	10	12	0	1	4	4	13 5
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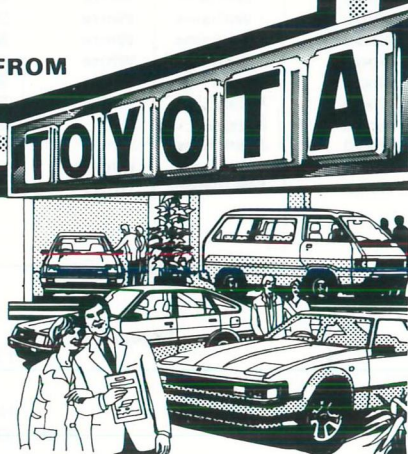
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BOLTON NEW BOYS TAKE TIME TO SETTLE

by STEVE GOLDREICH

BOLTON WANDERERS have made a patchy start to the new campaign following a summer of furious transfer activity. The Burnden Park outfit parted with two of last season's stars but replaced them with five new signings, all players with vast experience.

The transfer merry-go-round started in June when regular full-back Brian Borrows joined Coventry for £80,000. Manager Charlie Wright was quick to sign Huddersfield central defender Dave Sutton (who played on loan for Royals in 1978) for £12,000, and later paid the Yorkshire club a further £10,000 for Sam Allardyce. The latter, another seasoned centre-back, began his league career at Bolton and also had spells at Sunderland, Millwall and Coventry.

A major coup for Wanderers was the free-transfer signing of Asa Hartford from Norwich. A former Scottish international, he has seen years of service at the top level with West Bromwich Albion, Manchester City and Everton. He has been appointed player-coach at his new home.

Defender Derek Scott moved from neighbours Burnley for £12,000 and the nap hand of recruits was completed by striker David Cross, another experienced Division One campaigner. He came on a free from West Brom and has almost 200 league goals to his credit. Bolton is his eighth different club.

Amidst all the new arrivals striker Jeff Chandler moved to Derby for a tribunal-decided fee of £38,000. His 20 goals last term, however, made him only third highest

club marksman - Tony Caldwell and George Oghani each grabbed 22 in all competitions. With the numerous changes in their squad, the Trotters have had trouble in finding their feet in the league. They needed five fixtures to register their first win, 4-1 over troubled Wolves, and suffered a humiliating 4-1 reverse home to Bury.

SENT OFF

Then in their game at Walsall, Oghani conceded a penalty and was sent off before the break. Cross followed him down the tunnel in the second period as the Midlanders won 2-0.

Despite that set-back Cross has made a fine start with his new club, scoring a goal a game in his first seven league and cup appearances.

Wanderers proved too strong for their first Milk Cup opponents Stockport, brushing them aside 5-2 on aggregate. However, they look to have met their match in Nottingham Forest. After a goalless first-half in their second round first leg at the City Ground, Brian Clough's men hit four without reply to leave Bolton with a mountain to climb in next week's return.

Back in Division 3, the Burnden boys put together a useful three-match unbeaten run with a draw against Lincoln (1-1) and wins at Newport (1-0) and at home to Plymouth (3-1). Steve Thompson and Oghani scored in the first two games respectively, while

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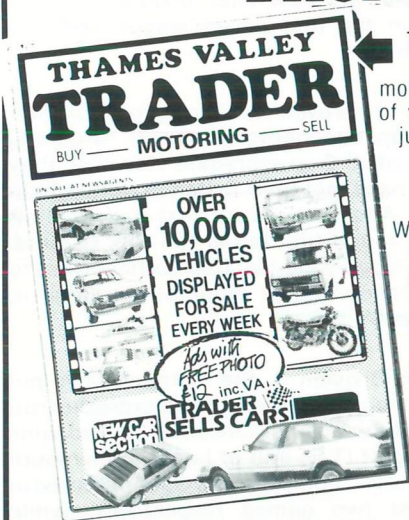
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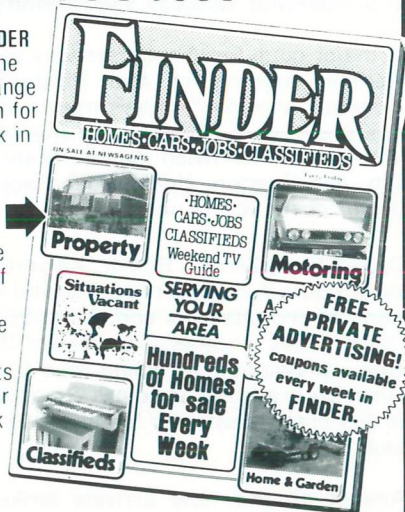
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● **BOLTON WANDERERS 1985-86:** Back row (left to right): Mark Came, Dave Sutton, Simon Farnworth, Paul Fitzpatrick, Sam Allardyce. Middle: Walter Joyce (Coach), Steve Thompson, Tony Caldwell, Jimmy Phillips, David Cross, Roger Walker, Warren Joyce, Peter Nightingale (physio). Front: Asa Hartford, Derek Scott, Graham Bell, George Oghani, Dean Roberts, Simon Rudge, Charlie Wright (Manager).

● **Continued from page 7.**

Warren Joyce, Caldwell and Simon Rudge were on target against Argyle.

But Wanderers came to grief on Tuesday when they were hammered 3-0 at York City.

DINO'S DOUBLE

Last season saw the first league meetings between ourselves and the Lancashire club and Royals came out on top on both occasions. At Elm Park, Trevor Senior, Dean Horrix and Colin Duncan were on target, Bolton replying through Chandler, while Dino's double helped us to a 2-1 success in March.

That win stretched our unbeaten league run to nine games, although we then fell 3-0 at Rotherham and failed to win for six matches in all — effectively ending our promotion hopes.



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THIRD DEGREE

Division 3 was well represented in the recent Milk Cup second round first leg tussles with no fewer than 12 clubs involved. Russell Kempson takes a look at how they got on.

Bristol Rovers 2, Birmingham 3: Rovers led 2-1 at half-time and looked set to spring a shock with goals from Mark O'Connor and Paul Randall. But Blues hit back to extinguish the Eastville ecstasy. Billy Wright scored twice, one a penalty, and David Geddis grabbed the other.

Fulham 1, Notts County 1: Mark Goodwin gave County a 24th-minute lead with a 35-yard piledriver. But Fulham spared their blushes when new boy Gary Barnett from Oxford equalised near the end.

Gillingham 1, Portsmouth 3: Gills' unbeaten run since the opening match of the season came a cropper. Pompey struck twice in five first-half minutes through Kevin O'Callaghan and Mick Tait and although Tony Cascarino reduced the deficit, Paul Wood restored the Division 2 leaders' two-goal lead.

Grimsby 1, York City 1: In front of a paltry 2,908 crowd, City snatched a fine draw which augurs well for the return at Bootham Crescent. Keith Walwyn scored his tenth goal of the season for York while Jimmy Gilligan was the Grimsby saviour.

Ipswich 3, Darlington 1: Malcolm Poskett gave the men from Feethams a shock fourth-minute lead. But Kevin Wilson claimed a brace and Frank Yallop the other as the Portman Road side recovered their composure.

West Ham 3, Swansea 0: John Bond's Swans, straight after their 2-0 reverse at Elm Park, met with defeat yet again. Veteran keeper Jimmy Rimmer saved them from a massacre but couldn't keep out Tony Cottee, Frank McAvennie and Ray Stewart (penalty).

Brentford 2, Sheffield Wednesday 2: Bees stung wobbly Wednesday when Rowan Alexander shot them in front — but then Robbie Cooke missed a spot-kick for the Londoners. Lee Chapman struck twice to lift Sheffield only for Alexander to also complete his double for a deserved draw.

Bury 1, Manchester City 2: City surged in front with efforts from Jim Melrose and Clive Wilson before the break. But little Bury, who switched the tie from Gigg Lane to Old Trafford and were rewarded with an 11,377 audience, fought back with a Trevor Ross penalty.

Derby 2, Leicester 0: Without doubt, the Third Division's top performance. Ross MacLaren gave Derby the lead from the spot after just ten minutes and then Jeff Chandler made it 2-0 soon after. Division 1 Leicester hardly got a look-in.

Everton 3, Bournemouth 2: Harry Redknapp's boys stunned the league champions with a goal from Colin Clarke after only 11 seconds! Colin Russell increased their advantage in the 11th minute — but the Goodison giants bounced back to win thanks to Gary Lineker, Ian Marshall and Tom Heffernan (own goal).

Leeds United 0, Walsall 0: Wily Walsall, who reached the Milk Cup semi-finals two seasons ago, held lethargic Leeds at bay with ease. Keeper Steve Cherry had little to do and the Saddlers now look good for the second leg at Fellows Park.

Nottingham Forest 4, Bolton 0: Battling Bolton survived until the interval — then the avalanche started. David Campbell (2), Brian Rice and Nigel Clough, son of Brian, walloped the unhappy Wanderers.



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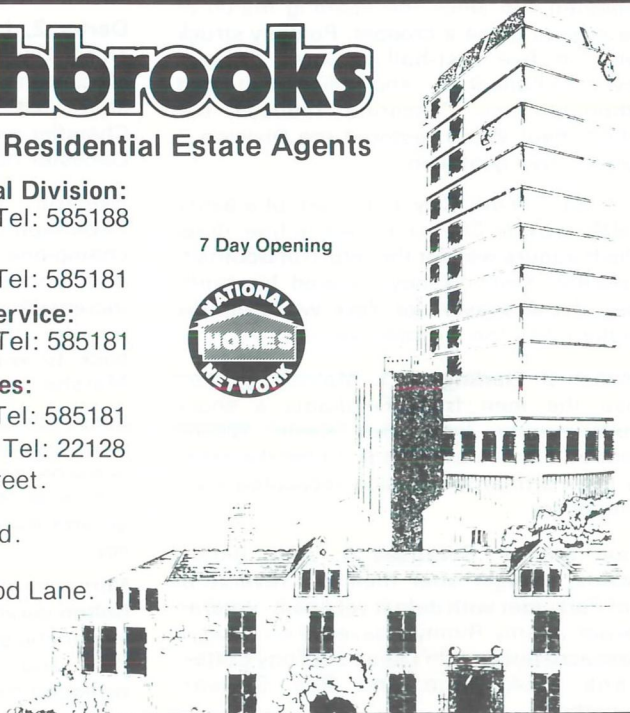
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CLOUD NINE: Royals' 1-0 success at Doncaster last Saturday created a new club record of nine consecutive league wins in a season. Their previous best was when they won their last eight matches of the 1966-67 campaign. They then also went on to victory in their first three league outings of the 1967-68 term.

JOLLY JERRY: Utility player Jerry Williams reached the 250-game mark with Royals' when he came on as a 63rd-minute substitute in the 2-1 win at Brentford.

RING-A-DING: Ian Branfoot became the fourth Reading manager to win a Bell's Whisky Manager of the Month award when he collected the prize for August. Former Elm Park bosses Maurice Evans, Charlie Hurley and Jack Mansell all picked up one each, while Maurice also claimed the Division 4 Manager of the Season title back in 1978-79.

DYNAMIC DINO: Striker Dean Horrix played his 100th game for Royals in the 2-1 triumph at Rotherham.

UPS AND DOWNS: Club historian David Downs almost made his debut as a linesman in Royals Reserves' 3-1 home defeat against Watford last Saturday. One of the men in black had failed to arrive as the early 2pm kick-off time neared, and David was already being briefed by match ref Don Morgan. But with the Downs day of reckoning close at hand, enter the missing official. "I was gutted" said disappointed David.

WONDER WOOD: Ever-consistent Royals central defender Steve Wood celebrated his 150th league match for Royals in the 1-0 triumph at Doncaster last weekend.

WEDNESDAY WOE: Royals' trip to Brentford attracted more fans than the Bees' Milk Cup second round first leg tie against Division I Sheffield Wednesday. A healthy 6,351 turned up to see Royals — Griffin Park's best crowd of the season — while just 5,352 watched Wednesday.

GARY GLITTER: Versatile Gary Peters made his 200th appearance in the blue and white in Royals' 2-1 home victory over Walsall.

SLUP-IP: Chesterfield's player-profiles, sent to Elm Park for possible inclusion in Wednesday's match programme, included a couple of intriguing errors. Chris Marples was listed as a "gaolkeeper" while fellow custodian Jim Brown was a "goalkeeper". Typewriters ain't wot they used to be

NIGHTMARE: Royals' 2-1 victory at Brentford broke their jinx of not having won a night match for over 16 months. Their previous evening success was 3-2 at Doncaster on May 1, 1984. Between Belle Vue and Griffin Park, Royals after-dark record was: P17, W0, D6, L11, F13, A36.

DARREN'S DATE: Young Royals' midfielder Darren Bailey, who has put in plenty of promising performances in the reserves this season, celebrated his 18th birthday last week.

DIRECTOR DAY: Royals' "Be a director for the day" scheme has proved hugely successful with all eight overnight trips this season having been snapped up. But you can still get on their future awayday specials on the team coach — cost £35 each (maximum four people). Anyone interested should contact managing director Mike Lewis.

FIAT PERFORMANCE OF THE WEEK AWARD

ROYALS' 1-0 win at Doncaster last Saturday — their ninth successive league win this season — earned them the Fiat Performance of the Week award.

England manager Bobby Robson and his panel of experts voted the victory even better than Division 4 Orient's fine 2-0 Milk Cup second round first leg success over mighty Tottenham.

It's the fourth time Royals have won the honour and they've donated their £500 award to the East Wokingham Boys' Club.

ROYALS



REVEALED

JONAS HURST

Sports-mad Jonas (11) goes to Moultsford Preparatory School near Wallingford, and plays for the school team as well as Reading Under-11s and Rotherfield Under-11s.

The Reading-born youngster has represented Oxfordshire at athletics, squash and tennis, while his most memorable football match was for Reading against Wandsworth Under-11s at Loftus Road.

"I had one of my best-ever games and I also scored a goal," he recalls.

Jonas (pictured below) likes most other sports, including squash, tennis, cricket, rugby, athletics, table tennis, ice skating, skiing, badminton, canoeing, swimming, snooker and fishing.

His ambition is to play for Tottenham and England and to captain England in a World Cup Final. Away from football, he'd like to become a professional tennis player or an athlete.

Failing that, he wouldn't mind being a pop singer. He has already cut his first record!

Jonas likes the Centre of Excellence because: "You learn a lot and you become a better player. I also enjoy it."



MARTIN O'NEILL

Reading born Martin is 11-years-old and a pupil at Little Heath School, Tilehurst, after originally attending Calcot Primary.

His teams include Theale Tigers and Reading Boys and he has collected numerous honours including a county shield, two winners' medals and five runners-up medals.

Not surprisingly, his most memorable match was when he played for Reading Boys at Loftus Road, the home of Division 1 side Queen's Park Rangers. Reading won 7-0.

Martin (pictured left) also likes snooker and chess and his football ambition is to play and enjoy the game for as long as possible. As an alternative to soccer, he would like to work with computers.

What he enjoys most about the Centre of Excellence is the opportunity to learn and train with professional players.

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

Royals' Centre of Excellence has been introduced last season. Local youngsters can improve their footballing skills, and here you can see Elm Park's

PETER KURTCH

Reading lad Peter, who celebrated his 11th birthday last week, originally attended Southcote County School, now at Prospect School.

He skipped the Southcote team and has a place at YMCA Cubs, Manor Under-11s, Reading Boys and Theale Tigers.

Peter has collected many honours already including eight medals with the YMCA, the 'True Colours' Trophy and Presentation College six-a-sides with the County Sixes Trophy, Forest Sports League Trophy and Challenge Cup with Reading Boys. His most memorable game was for Reading at Presentation College. Reading won 8-1 and Peter scored two himself and nearly completed a hat-trick when he struck the crossbar.

He also likes cricket, rugby and snooker and karate. His ambition is to enjoy everything and to become a professional. The computer world are career possibilities as well. Training hard, learning skills and playing for professionals are his favourites at the Centre of Excellence. Peter is pictured in action in the striped shirt.



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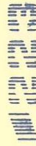
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MATTHEW POTTER

Matthew is 11-years-old and was born in Reading. He attended St. Mary's Church of England Primary School and is now at Prospect School.

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His most memorable game was for Theale against Westwood when he scored a fine solo goal to make the score 1-1.

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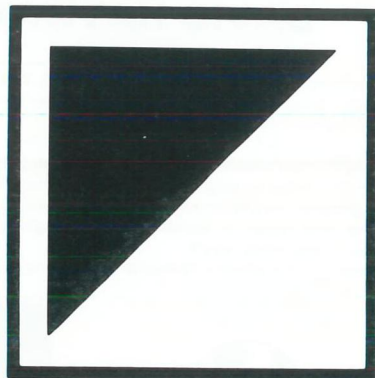


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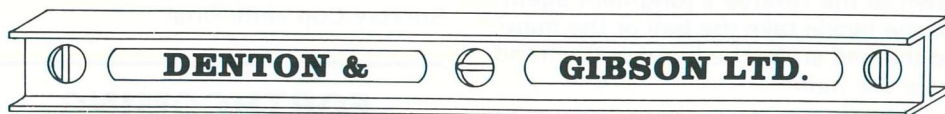
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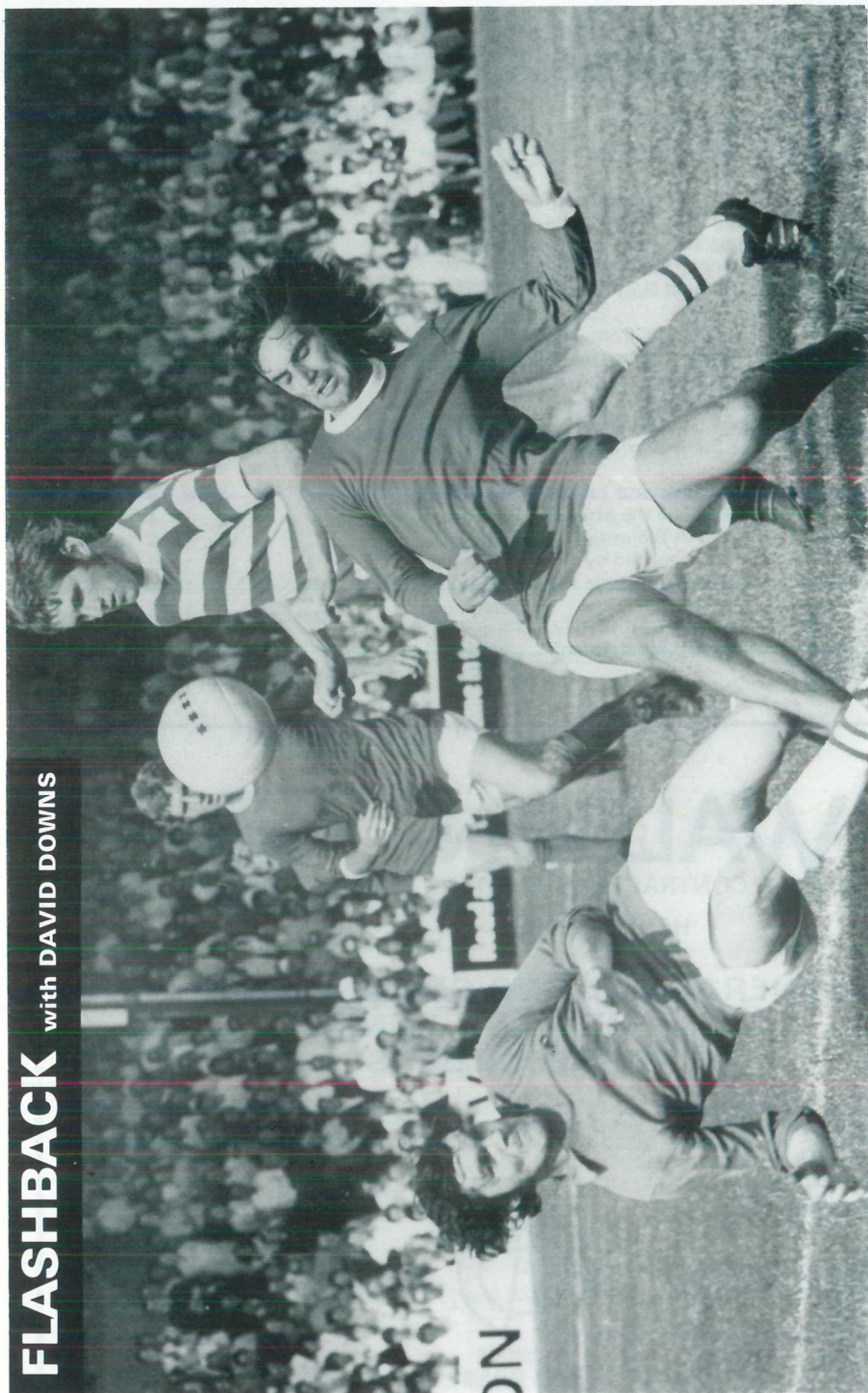
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AUGUST 1, 1970

● **Reading 2, Manchester United 3** (Watney Cup first round): Steve Death and Stuart Morgan combine to foil Irish genius George Best. Manchester United finally won with goals from Bobby Charlton (2) and Paul Edwards. Dick Habbins and Gordon Cumming replied for the hosts, who fielded: Death, Dixon, Morgan, B.Wagstaff, Butler, Bell (Swain), Cumming, A.Wagstaff, Chappell, Habbins (Murphy), Williams.

ROYALS RESERVES AND

READING RES 1, WATFORD RES 3

AN eventful Football Combination encounter with title-chasing Watford retaining their fourth place in the table behind pacesetters Arsenal.

Royals, however, gave the Hornets plenty to think about despite going behind after just five minutes when Ian Richardson scored.

Watford could have gone further in front just before half-time but keeper Derick Williams made a fine save to block Malcolm Allen's penalty.

Brian Roberts eventually equalised for Royals with his fourth goal of the season soon after the interval, but Allen atoned for his earlier error by recapturing the visitors' lead.

Lee Sinnott made it 3-1 near the end before Royals had a great chance to reduce the arrears when Kevin Bremner was felled in the area.

But Michael Gilkes' penalty was stopped by the Watford keeper, who also managed to save his follow-up effort.

Reading Res: D.Williams, Foster, Head, Bailey, Staker, O'Leary, Roberts, Gilkes, Bremner, Burvill (John, 70min), Christie.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	8	7	1	0	40	3	15
Chelsea	8	6	2	0	31	3	14
West Ham	8	6	2	0	26	6	14
Watford	8	6	2	0	18	2	14
Ipswich	7	5	1	1	13	6	11
Norwich	9	4	2	3	16	12	10
Bristol Rovers	7	4	1	2	17	16	9
Crystal Palace	9	3	3	3	15	14	9
Oxford Utd	7	3	2	2	16	12	8
Q.P.R.	8	3	2	3	16	16	8
Luton	6	4	0	2	7	10	8
Birmingham	8	4	0	4	14	18	8
Tottenham	7	3	0	4	13	9	6
Fulham	6	3	0	3	13	21	6
Reading	8	3	0	5	8	17	6
Charlton	7	2	1	4	13	23	5
Millwall	8	2	1	5	6	18	5
Portsmouth	7	1	1	5	6	12	3
Southampton	7	1	1	5	8	21	3
Swindon	6	0	1	5	7	15	1
Brighton	6	0	1	5	1	16	1
Swansea	9	0	0	9	2	36	0

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YOUTH ROUND-UP 85-86

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

1985

Tues. Aug.	20	Tottenham Hotspur	A	L 0-2
Sat. Aug.	24	Norwich City	A	L 0-5
Sat. Aug.	31	Luton Town	A	L 1-2
Wed. Sept.	4	Millwall	H	W 2-0
Tues. Sept.	10	Southampton	H	W 1-0
Sat. Sept.	14	Swansea City	A	W 1-0
Sat. Sept.	21	West Ham United	A	L 2-5
Sat. Sept.	28	Watford	H	L 1-3
Sat. Oct.	5	Bristol Rovers	A	
Sat. Oct.	12	Ipswich Town	H	
Sat. Oct.	19	Arsenal	H	
Tues. Oct.	22	Charlton Athletic	A	
Sat. Nov.	2	Birmingham City	A	
Tues. Nov.	5	Fulham	H	
Sat. Nov.	9	Oxford United	H	
Tues. Nov.	12	Portsmouth	A	
Sat. Nov.	16	Crystal Palace	H	
Tues. Nov.	26	Tottenham Hotspur	H	
Sat. Nov.	30	Chelsea	A	
Sat. Dec.	7	Swindon Town	H	
Sat. Dec.	14	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	
Tues. Dec.	17	Queens Park Rangers	H	

1986

Sat. Jan.	4	Luton Town	H	
Wed. Jan.	8	Millwall	A	
Sat. Jan.	18	Swansea City	H	
Sat. Jan.	25	Southampton	A	
Tues. Jan.	28	Queens Park Rangers	A	
Wed. Feb.	5	Brighton & Hove Albion	H	
Sat. Feb.	8	Arsenal	A	
Sat. Feb.	22	West Ham United	H	
Tues. Feb.	25	Charlton Athletic	H	
Sat. Mar.	1	Watford	A	
Sat. Mar.	8	Bristol Rovers	H	
Tues. Mar.	11	Ipswich Town	A	
Tues. Mar.	18	Fulham	A	
Sat. Mar.	29	Norwich City	H	
Sat. Apr.	5	Birmingham City	H	
Wed. Apr.	9	Oxford United	A	
Sat. Apr.	12	Crystal Palace	A	
Sat. Apr.	19	Portsmouth	H	
Tues. Apr.	22	Swindon Town	A	
Sat. May.	3	Chelsea	H	

VILLA VISIT

ROYALS' youth team gets a chance to play centre stage when they entertain Aston Villa in the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup first round at Elm Park on Monday (7.30).

And they'll be looking for a similar result to the one they gained in last season's competition. They beat QPR at home with goals from Micky Tune and Brian Roberts.

Villa are likely to provide stiff opposition but Royals will be able to strengthen their line-up with two reserve team regulars.

Centre-back John Staker and midfielder Darren Bailey will add much-needed steel to the side.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES JUNIOR LEAGUE

1985

Aug.	17	Southampton	A	L 2-4
Aug.	24	Oxford United	H	L 2-4
Aug.	31	Luton	A	L 0-6
Sept.	7	Crystal Palace	H	W 6-2
Sept.	14	Bristol Rovers	A	D 0-0
Sept.	21	Brighton	H	L 0-1
Sept.	28	Bristol Rovers (Lge Cup, Rd 1)	H	L 0-4
Oct.	5	Brentford	A	
Oct.	7	Aston Villa (SJFC Rd 1)	H	
Oct.	12	Colchester	H	
Oct.	19	Bournemouth	A	
Oct.	26	Wimbledon	H	
Nov.	2	Tottenham	A	
Nov.	9	Swindon	H	
Nov.	16	League Cup Rd.2	A	
Nov.	23	Southend	A	
Nov.	30	Southampton	H	
Dec.	7	Oxford United	A	
Dec.	14	Luton	H	
Dec.	21	Crystal Palace	A	

1986

Jan.	4	Bristol Rovers	H	
Jan.	11	Brighton	A	
Jan.	18	Brentford	H	
Jan.	25	Colchester	A	
Feb.	1	Bournemouth	H	
Feb.	8	Wimbledon	A	
Feb.	15	Tottenham	H	
Feb.	22	Swindon	A	
Mar.	1	Southend	H	

● SJFC — Southern Junior Floodlit Cup

READING YOUTH 0, BRISTOL RVRS YOUTH 4

A DISASTROUS day for Royals as they made their South East Counties Junior League Cup exit at the first round hurdle.

Having drawn 0-0 at Rovers in the league just two weeks earlier, Royals confidently expected to go one better this time around. But they were rudely awoken after just five minutes when the visitors went in front.

Bobby Williams' youngsters then fell further behind before the break — and Rovers finished them off with another couple of goals in the second period.

"We just didn't perform", admitted boss Bobby. "We weren't good enough, it was very disappointing."

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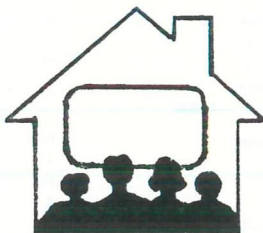
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I would like to stress that although membership cards are compulsory for all people attending matches, to enrol is a quick and simple exercise.

It will take approximately 30 seconds and can be done on the day of the match. There is no need for anyone to be put off from coming to a game because they have not got a membership card.

We are still waiting for confirmation of a start date. The delay has been caused mainly by the necessity to import the 'readers' (the box used to take the membership card) from the United States.

But as soon as we have a firm date, you will be informed.

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Mike Lewis
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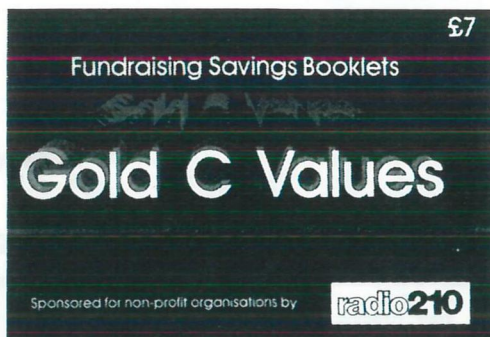
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FANFARE

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GOOD afternoon and a warm welcome to you all, especially our visitors from Bolton.

Royals are away for the next three consecutive Saturdays — at Newport County on October 12, at Lincoln City on October 19 and at newly-promoted Bury on October 26. However, this is interspaced with an evening match at home against Wolverhampton Wanderers on Wednesday, October 23.

Bookings are now being taken for the coaches to Newport and Lincoln. Newport will cost £5 and will depart at midday while Lincoln is £6 departing at 09.30. For those of you wishing to travel by train, the following times are recommended:-

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12.30	Kings Cross	20.12
13.49	Newark North Gate	18.48
14.00	Newark North Gate	18.29
14.23	Lincoln Central	18.05

Once again, I'm glad to report that the support at Doncaster last Saturday was magnificent. Let's keep it up and hopefully the team will keep up their 100 per cent record on their away league trips to date.

It was with great disappointment that I learned of the Reading magistrates' decision not to allow the Supporters' Social Club bar to open before the match, and to open only 15 minutes after the match has finished. Obviously, this is a great blow to the Supporters' Club (and indirectly Football Club) income, and of course to the supporters who obtain such pleasure from meeting friends etc., for a drink before the match.

Personally, it looks to me a case of the magistrates thinking that all of the average, everyday supporters are hooligans who need a few drinks to fire themselves up before a good fight on the terraces. Indeed, I understand that at the hearing on the Friday before last, the magistrates didn't even know where the bar was. They asked questions like: How many stewards have we on the ground?!

Regrettably, the club cannot re-apply for a change in the licence conditions for at least five months, but in the meantime I will give two good reasons (apart from money) why I think the magistrates have got it wrong.

Firstly, the tremendous record the Supporters' Club has earned with regard to trouble in the club.

As far as I am aware, there has never been a need for the police to visit the club because of trouble, nor have they ever blamed the drinking by club members for trouble caused outside the club. In the past, if any club member has ever been suspected of causing trouble, he has immediately been barred from the bar and from using all other club facilities.

Secondly, I think that the club is the best place to actually foster friendship with supporters of the visiting team. Many's the time I have met and had a good drink and chat with the opposing fans in both our social club and theirs at away games, making friendships that have lasted from season to season. Surely this is the thing we are trying to encourage, rather than cause the frustration that eventually rears its ugly head on the terraces.

PERSUADE

During the next five months I hope that we can persuade the magistrates to visit our social club on a match day to see for themselves how our members behave. Hopefully, when the next application is submitted, they will be in better position to decide the merits of the case.

Lastly, a quick reminder about the football quizzes. In the National Federation Quiz League, the Supporters' Club A team take on London Burnley at home on Sunday, October 13, and London Norwich away on Monday, October 21, in Division 2. In Division 3 the B team meet Charlton tomorrow night at home and London Southampton away on Tuesday, October 22.

Both the home ties will be held in the social club, starting at 7.30pm, when the bar will be open and refreshments provided. In the Supporters' own quiz, again sponsored by Thames Valley Cleaning Contractors, entries are now being taken by organiser Colin Bishop. He can be contacted either in the Tilehurst End shop or at home on Burghfield Common 3950.

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Programmes ... programmes ... programmes

WITH the new season now getting on for two months old, programme stocks are building up nicely at clubs all over the country.

Two programme fairs are being held in Manchester in the coming months and many Royals fans may be interested in the following details.

The Manchester United Fair will be staged at the Old Trafford Cricket Ground on Sunday, November 17 (10.30-3.30), while the Manchester City Fair is at the Social Club, Maine Road, on Sunday, December 8 (11am-3pm).

Further details can be obtained from Barry Ellison at 51 Park Avenue, Euxton, Chorley, Lancashire.

ALSO on the programme front, enthusiast Rich Smart has decided to dispose of his substantial Royals collection.

"I got married during the summer and after much careful consideration I have finally decided to part with the collection", he says.

"I considered selling the whole lot to a dealer for convenience, but then thought it would be nice and much more fair to offer them to fellow supporters at reasonable prices."

Rich can be contacted at 12 Kennedy Close, Orpington, Kent BR5 1HP, and he will send a complete list of his programmes in return for a S.A.E.

HOW TO GET TO . . .

Newport County (Oct. 12): Use M4 until junction 28. Leave motorway and follow signs Newport A48. In 2.3 miles, turn right A467. Cross railway bridge then turn right into A455 into Corporation Road. In 0.4 miles, turn left into Cromwell Road for Newport County F.C.



Lincoln City (Oct. 19): Use M4, M25 and A405 until Hatfield where join A1. Carry on up A1 and A1(M) until Newark where take the A46 (signposted Lincoln). Follow signs city centre into High Street and on nearside of railway bridge turn right into Queen Street for Lincoln City F.C.

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Steve Richardson	3	Derek Scott
Stuart Beavon	4	Steve Thompson
Martin Hicks	5	Mark Came
Steve Wood	6	Sam Allardyce
Jerry Williams	7	Graham Bell
Mark White	8	Tony Caldwell
Trevor Senior	9	Simon Rudge
Dean Horrix	10	Asa Hartford
Andy Rogers	11	George Oghani
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